

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A hand brake operating apparatus of a brake apparatus, for restricting rotation of a rotating member, comprising:

an operating lever, operably supported in a movable range including a first position permitting the rotating member to rotate regularly and rotate reversely, and a second position restricting only one of regular rotation and reverse rotation of the rotating member, and urged from the first position to the second position in a normal state;

an operation restricting portion contactable with the operating lever at the first position for restricting a movement of the operating lever reaching the second position,

a supporting member for operably supporting the operating lever,

a contact member contactable with the operating lever; and

an urging member for urging the contact member to the operating lever,

wherein the operating lever comprises an operation restricting member for contacting with the contact member at the first position to restrict movement of the operating lever reaching the second position.

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The hand brake operating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the movable range further includes a third position restricting both of regular rotation and reverse rotation of the rotating member, and

wherein the operating lever is urged in a direction reaching the second position from the third position by way of the first position in the normal state.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The hand brake operating apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the brake apparatus comprises:

a main brake member for restricting regular rotation and reverse rotation of the rotating member;

an auxiliary brake member for restricting reverse rotation of the rotating member by being self-locked to contact with the rotating member in reversely rotating the rotating member; and

an operating cam for individually operating the main brake member and the auxiliary brake member according to an operation to the operating lever,

wherein, in operating the operating lever from the first position to the third position, the operating cam is operated to press the main brake member to the rotating member by a press force in accordance with an operating amount thereof,

wherein, when the operating lever is operated to the second position, the operating cam is operated to bring only the auxiliary brake member into contact with the rotating member.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The hand brake operating apparatus according to claim 3 further comprising:

a one way clutch apparatus for permitting only to operate the operating lever from the first position to the third position; and

a release apparatus for releasing an operation by the one way clutch from being restricted.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A hand brake operating apparatus of a brake apparatus, for restricting rotation of a rotating member, comprising:

an operating lever for operating a brake force in accordance with an operating amount thereof to the rotating member when the operating lever is operated in a predetermined direction;

a one way clutch apparatus for permitting only to operate the operating lever operated in the predetermined direction and holding the operating lever at a position in accordance with the operating amount;

a release apparatus for releasing an operation of the operating lever by the one way clutch apparatus from being restricted; and

an operating portion, for operating the release apparatus, provided at an arm extended to a position ~~capable of being~~ where it can be gripped along with the operating lever in operating the operating lever to operate in the predetermined direction.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The hand brake operating apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the operating portion provided at the arm is provided to be able to operate in a peripheral direction of the arm.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A brake operating apparatus of a brake apparatus, for restricting rotation of a rotating member, comprising:

a first operating lever and a second operating lever for operating the brake apparatus for individually restricting rotation of the rotating member,

wherein the first operating lever and the second operating lever are supported to be able to operate in a movable range including a first position permitting regular rotation and reverse rotation of the rotating member, a second position restricting only either one of regular rotation and reverse rotation of the rotating member, and a third position restricting both of regular rotation and reverse rotation of the rotating member, and the operating levers are urged in a direction reaching the second position in a normal state.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The brake operating apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the first and the second operating levers respectively constitute a start point by the third position and are urged in a direction reaching the second position from the third position by way of the first position, further comprising:

an operation restricting portion for restricting an operation of the operating levers reaching the second position from the third position at the first position by being brought into contact with the operating levers at the first position.

Claim 10 (Original): The brake operating apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the brake apparatus comprises:

a main brake member for restricting regular rotation and reverse rotation of the rotating member;

an auxiliary brake member for restricting reverse rotation of the rotating member by being self-locked to contact with the rotating member in reversely rotating the rotating member; and

an operating cam for individually operating the main brake member and the auxiliary brake member according to an operation to one of the first and second operating levers,

wherein, in operating the one of the first and the second operating levers from the first position to the third position, the operating cam is operated to press the main brake member to the rotating member by a press force in accordance with an operating amount thereof, and

wherein, when the one of first and second operating levers is operated to the second position, the operating cam is operated to bring only the auxiliary brake member into contact with the rotating member.

Claim 11 (Original): The brake operating apparatus according to claim 8 further comprising:

a one way clutch apparatus permitting only an operation of one of the first and the second operating levers directed from the first position to the third position; and

a release apparatus for releasing the operation of the one way clutch apparatus from being restricted.

Claim 12 (Original): The brake operating apparatus according to claim 8 further comprising:

a connecting member, for connecting the brake apparatus and the first and the second operating levers and transmitting an operation to the first and the second operating levers to the brake apparatus, including a first connecting member extended from the brake apparatus and a second connecting member connecting the first connecting member to the first and the second operating levers; and

a pulling amount adjusting apparatus between the first connecting member and the second connecting member for making the second connecting member remote from the first connecting member in operating a predetermined load to the second connecting member.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A hand brake operating apparatus comprising:

an operating lever for operating a brake apparatus provided at a vehicle; and

a supporting member for pivotably supporting the operating lever, wherein the operating lever is provided to the vehicle via the supporting member;

wherein the supporting member comprises:

a ~~ring-like~~ ring-shaped connecting portion outwardly fit to a first frame extended in a predetermined direction of the vehicle; and

a pivoting movement restricting portion, contactable with a second frame extended in a direction different from a direction of the first frame, for restricting pivoting movement of the supporting member around an axis of the first frame.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The hand brake operating apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the ring-like connecting portion includes:

a sleeve having an inner diameter capable of being outwardly fit to the first frame, and
a pressing portion, provided at an inner peripheral face of the sleeve, for pressing the inner peripheral face of the sleeve to the first frame in outwardly fitting to the first frame.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The hand brake operating apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the pressing portion includes:

a bent portion provided to expand from the inner peripheral face of the sleeve, and
an air gap formed on a back side of the bent portion for permitting to deform the bent portion to an outer side of the sleeve in outwardly fitting to the first frame.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The hand brake operating apparatus according to claim 13 further comprising:

a pair of pinching pieces, for engaging with the second frame, formed in the pivoting movement restricting portion.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The hand brake operating apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the first frame comprises a handle extended from the second frame.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn): An attaching method to attach a brake operating apparatus to a vehicle, wherein a brake operating apparatus includes an operating lever for operating a brake apparatus and a supporting member pivotably supporting the operating lever to a vehicle, comprising:

a step of forming a connecting portion constituting a ring-like shape in the supporting member, and inserting the connecting portion from an end portion of a first frame extended in a predetermined direction of the vehicle; and

a step of fixing the supporting member to a second frame extended in a direction different from a direction of the first frame at a position different from a position of the connecting portion after inserting the connecting portion.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): The attaching method according to claim 18, wherein the first frame comprises a handle extended from the second frame, and

wherein, after inserting the connecting portion to the first frame, a grip of the handle is inserted from the end portion of the first frame to fix the grip to the handle.